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##### **Grid warnings that halted \$2B Texas cleanup draw fire**

One factor loomed large when federal judges imposed a stay last month on U.S. EPA's cleanup of coal-fired power plants in Texas: the plan's potential impact on the electric grid. Electric reliability would be imperiled "if plant operators close facilities rather than install or upgrade uneconomical emissions controls," the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel wrote. Their source, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, had warned EPA's haze-reduction plan would have "significant" repercussions for grid reliability. But ERCOT critics are questioning the watchdog's own reliability.

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